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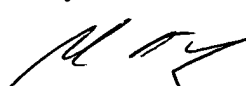
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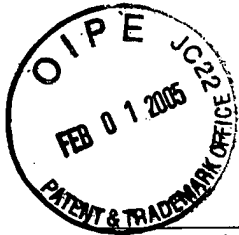
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections in light of the amendments to the claims herein and the attached remarks.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" starting on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks section begins on page 6 of this paper.

The Conclusion section begins on page 8 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.